

# *Heritage of the 185th Fighter Wing*



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# *Introduction*

- Brief overview of unit history
- From Beginning to Present





# *Topics of Discussion*

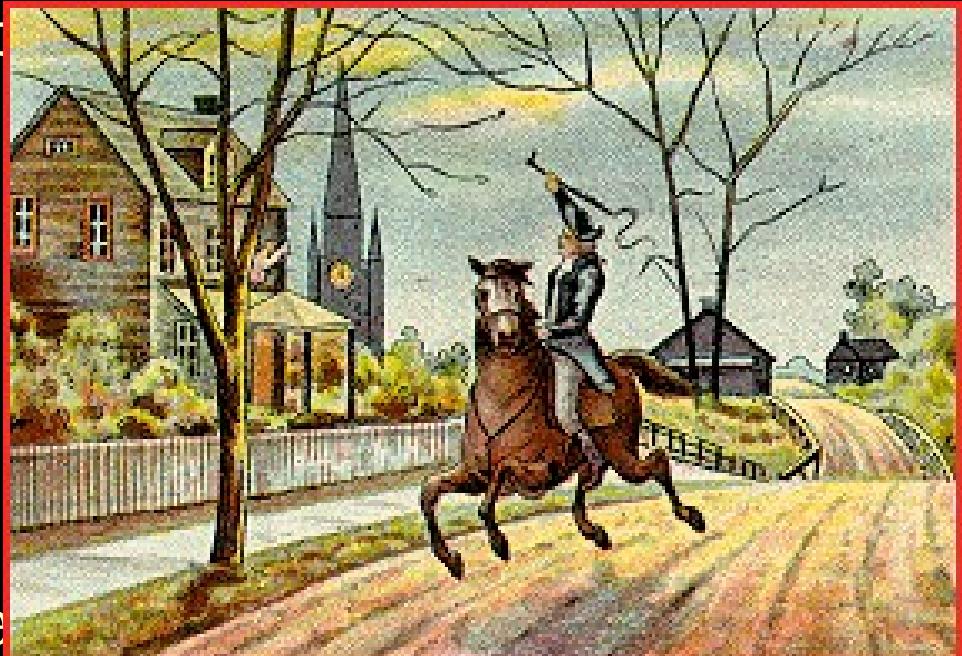
- Where did the 185th come from?
  - 1 The National Guard
  - 2 U.S. Army Air Force
  - 3 365th Fighter Group
  - 4 386th Fighter Squadron
  - 5 174th FS
  - 6 185th FG
  - 7 185th FW



# *Where did the 185th come from?*

- The Minutemen were the first national guardsmen
- Massachusetts National Guard

1636 - Paul F



Picture of Paul Revere

# *Where did the 185th come from? (Continued)*

- United States Army Air Forces (AAF) - WWII
- 365th Fighter Group - “The Hell Hawks”
- Under the 365th FG were Three Fighter Squadrons the 386th, h, and the 388th



365th's  
Patch

# *Explanation of AAF Structure*

- The Group was the governing body
- A Group usually had 3 or 4 subordinate Squadrons
- These Squadron's pilots flew the airplanes



The P-47 Thunderbolt was flown by the 386th



# *After the War*

- After the war there was no longer a need to have such a large standing military
- So many of the squadrons were deactivated into the National Guard
- 1947-Birth of the Air Force & Air National Guard
- The 386th FS was Redesignated as **174<sup>th</sup> FS** and allotted to ANG on 24 May 1946

# *From 174th FS to 185th*

**FW**

- Unit was the 174 FS from 02 Dec 46
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  - 01 Oct 62
- 174 FS redesignated to 185 TFG on 01 Oct 62, the 174th is now the flying squadron for the 185th
- 185 FG redesignated to 185 FW 30 Jul 96

# *Proud to Serve!*

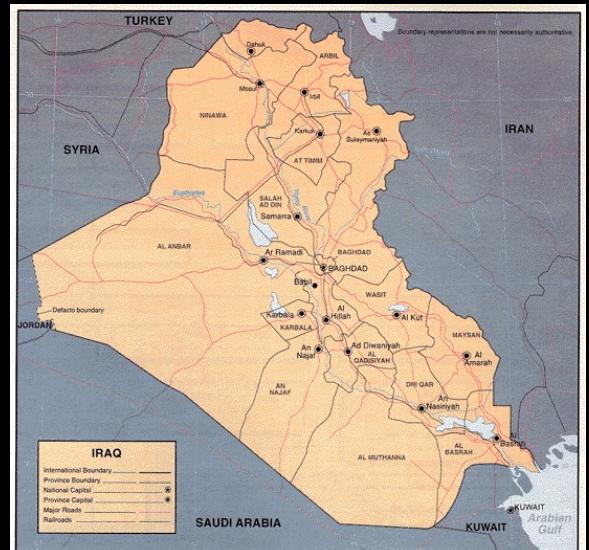
- Called to active duty for the Korean Conflict
- One of four Air Guard units that served in Vietnam





# *Recently*

- Operation Provide Comfort I
- Operation Provide Comfort II  
(enforcement of the no-fly zone over  
Iraq)





*Today. . .*

- The 185th Fighter Wing is commanded by Colonel Virgil T. Considine
- The unit flies the F-16 Fighting Falcon
- The unit is located in S IA

